

ABSTRACT

FRICTION WELDING METAL COMPONENTS

A method of forming a structural airframe component for an aircraft and an airframe structural component are provided. The method includes placing at least two components (1,2) in abutting relationship with each other and joining them together by friction stir butt welding (3), and the structural airframe component comprises a component manufactured according to the method of the invention.

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